

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the title as follows:

~~METHOD OF~~ METHODS FOR OBTAINING ~~[[A]]~~ GENE TAG TAGS

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a § 371 U.S. national stage of PCT/JP2004/008174, filed June 4, 2004, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-402306, filed December 1, 2003 and 2004-006630, filed January 14, 2004.

Please insert the Abstract, submitted herein on a separate page, as page 53 at the end of the application.

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